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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

MERRIMACK MAN ARRESTED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES

Re: United States v. Timothy Deichler

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Merrimack Police Chief William Mulligan and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins announce that Timothy DEICHLER, DOB 1/10/79, of Merrimack, NH was arraigned in U.S. District Court in Concord today on the charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

DEICHLER surrendered to U.S. Marshals at the federal courthouse in Concord and appeared in the U.S. District Court before U.S. District Judge Paul Barbadoro. Judge Barbadoro detained Deichler without bail pending an August 26, 2003 detention hearing to determine whether Deichler will be held without bail pending trial.

The Criminal Complaint against DEICHLER, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, alleges that DEICHLER, who was convicted of negligent homicide in 1997 in connection with the death of his infant daughter, illegally possessed a German TG Knox, TN 98K, 8mm bolt action rifle and several rounds of ammunition at his Merrimack home in April, 2003. Federal law prohibits convicted felons from purchasing or possessing firearms and ammunition.

The charges resulted from an investigation conducted by the Merrimack Police Department and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY COLANTUONO REMINDS THE PUBLIC THAT AN INDICTMENT IS ONLY AN ALLEGATION AND NOT PROOF OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT. AS IN ALL CASES, EACH DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.